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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The old board of directors of the Seaboard Air Line Company was re-elected at the meeting of the stockholders yesterday. —— Two men frozen to death near Middlesboro, Ky. —— Mate of an oyster schooner washed overboard and drowned in the blizzard Saturday night near Norfolk. —— Burglars blew open the safe of a bank at Jasper, Fla., but got no money. —— Japan anticipates no difficulty in providing for the expense of a war with Russia. —— Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Argentine warships. —— The Russian government has ordered one and a half million pounds of meat from the Armours for immediate shipment. —— Plans for raising the Clyde steamer Kiowa are under way. —— Cruiser Dixie has sailed for Colon with six hundred marines. —— The Colombian representatives in Washington have not received a reply from Secretary Hay, but are making all arrangements to close the legation in Washington and return home. —— San Domingo has now two provisional governments. —— The torpedo boat flotilla has arrived at San Juan, P. R —— Four thousand Macedonian revolutionists are ready to invade Turkish territory. —— The loss by the burning of the Gallego Mills, Richmond, Va., is put at $330,000; fully insured. The Camp Manufacturing Co.'s plant at Franklin, Va., burned with large stock of lumber. —— Large fire in the wholesale district at Boston, Mass., last night. —— Mob broke in the jail at Council Bluffs, Iowa, to lynch two negroes charged with criminal assault on two white women, but were prevailed upon to disperse. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 4½@6 per cent; cotton quiet at 14 10c; flour was fairly active and stronger; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 94½c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 53c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 42½c; rosin steady; strained common to good $3 50@3 55; spirits turpentine quiet at 59½@59½c.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 28.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 32 degrees 8 P. M., 42 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 31 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 2.35 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Sunday, 5 5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—For North Carolina: Fair, warmer Tuesday: Wednesday fair; light to fresh winds, mostly southerly.

Port Almanac--December 29

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.54 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 44 M.
High Water at Southport	3.01 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	5.31 P. M.

Minister Herran, of Colombia, must feel like a minnow now.

The Washington *Post* has an editorial headed "Panama in a Nutshell." That's about the size of it.

Senator Hoar doesn't believe in the old bloody shirt slogan of the Republican spell-binders. "Vote as you shot."

Gorman is in the lead now for the Democratic nomination; but if New York should with unanimity nrge the nomination of Judge Parker, the result would be doubtful.

The "Atlanta spirit," about which the papers of that town declaim so eloquently, turns out to be a very poor article of corn, and may be bought at $1.25 per gallon.

Fred K. Smith, of Niagara Falls, we are told, has had two of his teeth removed from his stomach? Well, why shouldd't he? A man's stomach is no place for his teeth.

The reply of Editor Daniel to Editor Bailey shows that controversy is the former's long suit. But it is a fact that Editor Josephus hands out some middlin' hard propositions to Editor Josiah.

The sharpshooter of the Atlanta *Constitution* flippantly asks: "Have you determined what your New Year's resolution is to be?" Yes. We are going to get married. What are you going to do, Bud?

Some of the Southern Democratic papers are still berating Senator Gorman and other Senators for their position on the Panama treaty. If they will just have patience we think Gorman will make it plain that he is neither an obstructionist nor a fool.

The deer hunting season in Wisconsin closed with a record of twenty men killed, five mortally wounded and twenty one seriously. The number of deer killed is not given, but was probably so small that it should come under the head "Scattering." Wonder what old 'Squire Wagner, of this county, thinks of the skill and marksmanship of the Wisconsin hunters.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS.

The Children of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd to Have a Tree To-night. Sunday School Entertainments.

The Christmas tree of the Brooklyn Baptist church, which was to have been given to-morrow night, has been postponed until the night of Friday, January 8th. The postponement was made because of the work of placing the new circular oak seats in the church. Mr. W. H. Spencer, of Gastonia, began this work yesterday.

The delightful cantata and Christmas tree to be given for the children of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, will take place to-morrow night at Luther Memorial Building. It was decided last night not to postpone it, as the costumes for the cantata arrived yesterday.

The children of Grace M. E. church, South, Sunday school will have their Christmas entertainment to-night at 8 o'clock in the Sunday school room. All members of the Sunday school are urged to be present.

The Christmas tree for the benefit of the Sunday school of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd will begin at the Chapel to-night at 7:30 o'clock. The children of St. James had a beautiful choral service on Sunday and each of them brought gifts to be placed on the Christmas tree at the Chapel. It has been a beautiful custom of the children of St. James for several years to make gifts themselves to less fortunate children instead of having a Christmas tree for themselves.

The Sunday school of St. Matthews' English Lutheran church will hold its annual Christmas tree exercises Thursday at 7:30 P. M., instead of this evening, as previously announced.

The Delgado Sunday school entertainment takes place to-night. A special car will leave Front street junction at 7:30 P. M. to take out parties who wish to go out from the city.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Other local, fourth page.

— Do not forget that mails now going out on the Seaboard Air Line now close at 2:30 P. M.

— Mr. A. S. Winstead, commission merchant, has the STAR'S thanks for a pretty little 1904 calendar.

— The Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D., of Henderson, formerly of this city, preached a fine sermon at Grace M. E. church, South, last Sunday.

— Ten of the convicts in the municipal court the day after Christmas were sent to the roads in default of the fines levied by Mayor Springer.

— On New Year's day, Dr. and Mrs. Wells will be at home at the manse to all members of the First Presbyterian church and congregation. The reception will be informal.

— The Rev. R. T. Bryan, missionary from China, greatly interested large congregations at the First Baptist church on Sunday. His subject was missionary work among the heathen.

— At the First Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, a large congregation heard a fine sermon by Mr. Will E. Hill, of this city, a bright student at the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond.

— The Aldermanic committee on fire department will meet at the city hall this morning to open bids for furnishing the city with 1,000 feet of new hose, 2½ inches in diameter, inside measurement. Two or three firms have their representatives here to look after bids.

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

British Barque Hillside Completes Repairs—Schooners Arrived.

The British barque "Hillside," Capt. Trefry, which put into Southport in distress December 14th, cleared yesterday for Boston, having completed temporary repairs. It will be remembered that the "Hillside" was bound from Rosario, Argentine Republic, for Boston with a cargo of wool, and was damaged in a collision November 20th, with the schooner "Sirdar." Her cargo was not damaged.

The American schooner "Edward Steward," Capt. Mitchell, arrived in port yesterday from Carteret, N. J., with a cargo of fertilizer for the Armour Company.

The American schooner "Jennie Lockwood," Capt. Hathhorn, arrived light yesterday from Boston.

George Judge Will Have a Hearing To-day.

George Judge, the young white man who was arrested Saturday night on suspicion of having set fire to the residences of Mrs. Annie M. Gilbert, Mrs. Register and Dr. J. H. Durham last Saturday afternoon, will have a hearing at 12 o'clock to-day before Justice J. J. Fowler.

Chief of Fire Department Charles Schnibben telegraphed for Mr. James R. Young, State fire commissioner, to come to Wilmington to investigate the fires and aid in ferreting out the perpetrator of the deed. He has been sick, but if he is well enough he will arrive here this morning. It is hardly expected, however, that he will be able to come.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

F. A. Bissinger—Success.
Academy of Music—Mabel Paige.
Atlantic National Bank—Statement.
Germania Lodge, K. of P.—Notice.
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—Special notice.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.—Open an account.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—A clerkship.
Wanted at Virginia House—Boarders

LICENSES GRANTED.

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Last Night at Light O'clock.

FIFTY-SEVEN LICENSES.

Rumored High License Movement Failed to Materialize — Three Distilleries Licensed Under Watts Law--No Fight Against Applications.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last night to consider applications for license to sell spirituous and malt liquors for the six months beginning January 1st.

Mayor Springer presided and the members of the board in attendance were Aldermen Murrell, Moore Sweeney, Yopp (W. H.), Behrends, Hashagen, Yopp (W. E.), Tiencken and Gafford. The only absent member was Alderman Karr, but he came in just as the board was adjourning.

The board met at 8 o'clock and was called to order by Mayor Springer, who said:

"Gentlemen, I wish you all a Merry Christmas. The board has been called to consider such applications for liquor licenses as may be brought before the meeting. What is your pleasure?"

Mr. B. F. King, city clerk, was asked if there were any applications, and he read the list of applicants:

LICENSE TO WHOLESALE.

License to wholesale liquors, wines, etc., was granted to Sol Bear & Co., No. 20 Market street.

Licenses to wholesale and bottle malt liquors and light drinks were granted to the following: Home Brewing Company, 114 North Water street; Robert Portner Brewing Company, Eighth and Brunswick streets; Gottlieb Bauernschmidt-Strauss Brewing Company, 331 Nutt street. The latter company, of which Mr. John H. Wright is manager, was the only new applicant under this class.

RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS.

The applications of the following retailers were granted: Edward Ahrens, 620 Market street; H. J. Bennett, corner Market and Water streets; Ben Bellois, 126 Market street; Walter E. Boesch, 801 North Fourth street; Jno. C. Boesch, 31 South Front street; J. H. Branjes, 925 North Fourth street; George R. Bate, 134 Market street; D. N. Chadwick, 15 Market street; J. L. Croom, agent, corner Grace and Water street; J. W. Chapman, 301 Brunswick streets; D. L. T. Capps, 119 South Front street; John W. Capps, 602 Castle street; Casse & Schuler, 23 Market street; J. W. Duls, 114 South Front street; H. T. Duls, corner Chesnut and MacRae streets; J. D. Dennis, 1203 North 4th St.; J. E. Ennett, northeast corner Eleventh and Market streets; J. W. H. Fuchs, 138 South Front street; Gieschen Bros., Atlantic Inn, corner Front and Red Cross streets; Thos. J. Gore, 22 South Water street; Calvin D. Gore, Ninth and Orange streets; H. F. Haar, 108 South Front street; Jurgen Haar, 401 North Front street; George Haar, corner Seventh and Chesnut streets; Geo. H Heyer, 804 North Fourth street; W. Van Hardin, 49 Princess street; M. H. Kelly, Second and Princess streets; John H. Kuck, No. 6 North Water street; G. W. Linder & Co., 32 South Front street; F. P. Lamb, 520 and 522 MacRae street; W. H. Lamb, 26 North Water street; C. P. B. Mahler, 501 North Fourth street; John M. Meylaud, 17 Princess street; M. O'Brien, Nutt and Red Cross streets; F. W. Ortmann, 17 North Second street; Quarles Brothers, The Orton Hotel; N. B. Rankin, 110 North Front street; Charles Richters, 1023 North Fourth street; I. B. Rhodes, 120 Princess street; Martin Schnibben, 601 Red Cross street; George Schnibben, 1120 North Seventh street; Sternberger Bros., 213 North Front street; E. P. H. Strunck, 501 South Fourth street; J. S. Sneeden, 115 South Front street; L. Southerland, 802 Castle street; Steijes & Co., 920 Market street; E. A. Todd, 523 South Seventh street, corner of Castle; J. H. Woebse, Fourth and Nixon streets; H. H. Woebse, 801 Nixon street; J. S. Westbrook, Fourth and Bladen streets; Herbert Steijes, 1219 Market street; E. T. Bass, 128 North Water street; J. L. Jordan & Co., 102 North Water street; W. B. Litgen, 6 South Front street; J. B. J. Sandlin, 5 South Second street; M. L. Starkey, 114 North Front street.

DISTILLERS' LICENSE.

Licenses were granted to the following to conduct grain distilleries within the corporate limits, under the Watts' Law: C. H. Carr, Thirteenth and Queen streets; N. E. Gallagher, Fifteenth and Dawson streets; W. M. Troutman, Ninth and Cape Fear streets. The last named was the only new applicant under this head.

THE NEW APPLICANTS.

In the list of retail licenses granted the following were the new applicants: Hrbert Steijes, 1219 Market street; E. T. Bass, 128 North Water street; J. L. Jordan & Co., 102 North Water, in place of M. L. Croom & Co.; W. B. Litgen, No. 6 South Front street, in place of R. G. Litgen; J. B. J. Sandlin, 5 South Second street, in place of J. S. Williams; M. L. Starkey, 114 North Front street, in place of E. W. Pace & Co.

SHORT HORSE EASILY CURRIED.

The Board finished up the business in fifteen minutes, having met at 8 P. M. and adjourned at 8:15 P. M.

When the list of applicants had been read by the clerk, there was some question as to whether the applications were in due form; whether the applicants had given notice of their applications the required length of time, and whether the names of the free holders recommending the applicants had signed only one application, as required by law. The clerk stated that he had not examined the business to see if all the conditions had been complied with, but he presumed they had been, as each application was signed under oath to that effect.

Mayor Springer called the attention of the board to the importance of ascertaining if the law had been complied with in making out the applications, but after the clerk's statement that they had been made out under oath, Alderman W. E. Yopp moved to dispense with the reading of the free-holders to ascertain if any one name was on more than one application. The motion was adopted.

Alderman Hashagen then moved to grant the list of applications as read, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Sweeney. The board adopted the motion unanimously, and immediately adjourned.

RUMORS OF HIGH LICENSE.

Quite a number of retail liquor dealers were in attendance upon the meeting, it having been rumored that a committee of the Anti-Saloon League would be present to urge high license. No such committee was present, however, and the license remains at what it was for the last six months—$33 a month or $364 a year. Besides the city license fee, retailers pay the county $400 more, and including schedule B tax, retailers in Wilmington pay a total tax of about $750 a year.

Popular Mabel Paige.

Mabel Paige, the piquant and popular little actress who long ago won the hearts of Wilmington, began a week's engagement at the Academy of Music last night.

A "standing room only" audience greeted the company and witnessed a splendid production of "The Princess of Patches." The play was exceeding pleasing and the company met with a most hearty reception.

The entire company is well balanced and its repertoire of plays for the week is of the highest standard. The players should be greeted by crowded houses each night of the week, and no doubt it will be so favored.

The bill for to-night will be the four-act comedy drama entitled "Our Young Minister," with an entire change of specialties.

The prices are popular and seats may be secured at Plummer's.

Funeral of Mr. Thos J. Presson.

The funeral of Mr. Thos. J. Presson took place yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the family residence, 214 Chesnut street. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Vipperman, of Brooklly Baptist church, and tender hymns were sung by Mrs. F. A. Muse, Mrs. C. D. Weeks, and Messrs. A. S. Holden and Charles Dushan.

The remains were sorrowfully borne to Oakdale cemetery and laid beneath a mound that was overlaid with beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. Presson having been a member of Kinston Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, an escort was sent by Concord Chapter of this city to pay a tribute of respect to his memory.

The pall-bearers were as follows: Dr. A. M. Baldwin, Col. Walker Taylor, and Messrs. W. H. Alderman, H. E. Bonitz, John Thomas, and Captain Wm. P. Oldham.

Red Men Elect Chiefs.

At the regular kindling of the camp fire of Eyota Tribe, No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, at their Wigwam last night, the following chiefs were elected:

Sachem—F. K. J. Fuchs.
Senior Sagamore—W. R. Stees.
Junior Sagamore—B. C. Bordeaux.
Prophet—F. W. Ortmann, Jr.
Chief of Records—W. L. Burkhimer.
Keeper of Wampum.—E. P. H. Strunck.
Keeper of the Wigwam—F. B. LeGwin.
Hall Committee—E. P. H. Strunck, Marsden Bellamy, Jr., and W. L. Burkhimer.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and the lodge is in good condition. Quite a number of new pale faces are being adopted at every meeting.

Christmas Weddings.

Mr. Chas. W. Staley, of Liberty, N. C., and Miss Margaret A. Johnson, of this city, were married at the residence of Mr. E. C. Woodbury, at 8:45 o'clock Sunday morning. The Rev. Geo. B. Webster officiated, and Miss Lou Formy and Mr. E. C. Woodbury, Jr., were attendants. The happy couple left at 9:20 A. M. on the A. & Y. train for the home of the groom at Liberty.

Mr. Joseph M. Hewett and Mrs. Mollie E. Dudley were united in matrimony Sunday night at the residence of Mr. H. L. Peterson, in this city. The Rev. A. McCullen, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church, performed the ceremony.

Bound Over to Court.

In the municipal court yesterday several unimportant cases were disposed of by Mayor Springer. Stedman Barnes, colored, charged with stealing a hair brush from Kress & Co.'s store on Christmas eve night, was bound over to the Superior Court in a bond of $50. When he was arrested a razor and a pair of metal knucks were found on his person, and he was bound over in a second case for carrying concealed deadly weapons. Louis Curtis, colored, for drunk and disorderly conduct, was fined $10 and the costs or 30 days on the roads.

— Col. Walker Taylor, underwriters' agent, kindly sends us a valuable calendar issued by the Insurance Company of North Carolina.

SENATOR OVERMAN.

He Will Vote for the Panama Canal Treaty With a Proviso.

NATIONAL HONOR AT STAKE,

North Carolina's Junior Senator Will Sustain the Hay-Barilla Treaty, If There Has Been a Square Deal and No Foul Play.

At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of this city held several days ago, a resolution was adopted urging the ratification of the Panama canal treaty recently agreed upon between Secretary of State John Hay, acting for the United States, and M. Bunau Varilla, on behalf of the Republic of Panama.

The position was taken by the Chamber of Commerce that the construction of the canal would tremendously enhance the commercial interests of the South, and the North Carolina members of the United States Senate were urged to vote for the ratification when the treaty comes up for consideration. Under instructions, Secretary James Kyle, of the Chamber, sent copies of the resolution to the North Carolina Senators and Representatives. Yesterday, Mr. Kyle received the following reply from Senator Lee S. Overman.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26, 1903.

Mr. James Kyle, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington, N. C:

DEAR SIR:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram urging me, on behalf of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, to support the Panama treaty, and to thank you for the same.

I am always glad and anxious to know the wishes of my people in regard to any and all great public questions pending before Congress, and it is my desire to reflect their sentiments as near as I can by my vote. I would be untrue to my people and to the people of the South, as well as untrue to myself, did I not heartily favor the building of the canal and do all in my power to secure it, believing as I do with them that it is for the best commercial interest of the whole nation that the canal should be built. I shall most cheerfully vote for the Panama treaty, provided I can do so and at the same time not sacrifice the national honor and not violate my own sense of morals and of what is right and wrong. With me the question rises above politics and dollars and cents.

Why the Republicans will not consent to the passage of the Hoar resolution is very suspicious. It only asks for the facts, and I think you will agree with me that I ought not to determine definitely what my action will be until I know the facts. I do not wish to be a party to the building of a canal in wrong, dishonor and blood. Did those in authority in this country encourage and connive at the revolution in Panama with a sinister design? Is this country a party to the revolution, and does this great nation, by encouraging revolution, propose to get by force that which it could not get by treaty and engage in war with a helpless little republic? Is this nation to exhibit itself to the world as guilty of sharp practice? These are some of the questions I must answer and to do so must have all the facts, which as yet we have not been able to obtain, and for these reasons I have not made up my mind definitely to support the treaty.

If the Panama treaty should fail of ratification the law is already written upon the statute books and the money appropriated to build the Nicaraguan canal. Except for delay, in my judgment, there is no trouble about getting a canal in any event, and heretofore a large majority of the people of the South, as shown by the votes of their Senators and Representatives in Congress, has been for that route. So far as our immediate section is concerned it is believed to be the best route. So it is not a question of canal, but is the country's conscience to be debauched and shall we have the Panama canal at a sacrifice of honor and war or shall we have the Nicaraguan canal with peace and honor? If all that is alleged be true, to ratify the treaty would be compromising with an outrage and we would be temporising with unfair dealings. To me it is a very serious question. I want all the light I can get upon the subject. I want to know the truth. And after getting the facts I trust that I may be able to carry out your wishes, and what seems to be the wishes generally of my people. I shall get the facts, give the matter due consideration and do what is best for all the people. I do not wish to be considered in any manner an obstructionist, neither do I wish to set myself up as "holler than thou," but I am sure that you and the people of the State will appreciate my position.

Thanking you for telling me what are the wishes of the good people of Wilmington, and sincerely hoping I may see my way clear to vote for the treaty, I am

Yours truly,
LEE S. OVERMAN.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte *Observer*, under date of December 27th, says, in speaking of Senator Overman's letter:

"The proposed Panama canal is uppermost in the public mind just now, and regardless of Republican assurances, there is an element of doubt concerning the outcome of the contest over ratification. Many of the Democratic Senators will subscribe to the Gorman idea, and are laying much stress on the moral side of the question. Senators from every State are receiving communications on the subject, the Senators from North Carolina being no exception. In reply to a letter from the Chamber of Commerce at Wilmington, urging him to vote for the treaty, Senator Overman expressed himself more at length in defining his position than at any time since the question became paramount."

The STAR has previously mentioned that Senator F. M. Simmons has heretofore announced that he will vote for the ratification of the canal treaty.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street. †

THE REAPER, DEATH.

Mr. John F. Stolter Died Sunday Afternoon at 3 O'clock— Mrs Styron Passed Away Sunday Night.

Mr. John F. Stolter, a well known and highly esteemed German citizen of Wilmington, passed away Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his home on Eleventh and Market streets. He had been ill with pneumonia for about ten days. It was not realized till Saturday how sick a man he was and his death was a great shock to his many friends and acquaintances. The deepest sympathy is felt for his sorely bereaved family.

Mr. Stolter was a native of Germany and was in the 64th year of his age. When 14 years of age he came to America with his father and they settled in Missouri. Prior to our Civil War they came to Wilmington where the elder Mr. Stolter died many years ago.

After coming to Wilmington, Mr. John F. Stolter grew to manhood and when the war broke out he enlisted in the German volunteers. He went with the first troops ordered to Fort Caswell and also served around Fort Fisher during the war. After the war he engaged in mercantile business for a number of years, and for the past ten years or more has been steward of Hanover Seaside Club at Carolina Beach.

Mr. Stolter married in this city Miss Rebecca Caroline Tiencken, the eldest daughter of the late Claus Tiencken. She died about two years ago, and surviving them are six daughters and two sons—Mrs. Emma Hintze, wife of Mr. John H. Hintze, Misses Katherine B., Nina, Eva, Ruth and Fannie G. Stolter, and Messrs. William F. and Henry C. Stolter. All the children reside in Wilmington except Mr. Henry C. Stolter, who resides in New York. He is expected here this morning.

The deceased was a communicant of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and was a member of Germania Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias. He was also a member of Section 221, Endowment Rank, K. of P., and carried a benefit policy for $3,000.

The funeral will take place from the residence this morning at 11:30 o'clock, thence to St. Paul's Church. The hour for the funeral was at first announced as 11 A. M., but was subsequently set for 11:30 A. M. on account of another funeral.

MRS. CHARLOTTE HILL STYRON.

We regret to chronicle the death, in her 75th year, of Mrs. Charlotte Hill Styron, relict of the late Oliver Wolcott Styron, who preceded her to the grave many years ago, being a victim of the dreaded yellow fever scourage which visited Wilmington in 1862. She passed away Sunday night shortly before midnight, at the residence of her nephew, Mr. David N. Chadwick, after a short illness of two weeks. The immediate cause of her death was acute stomach and heart trouble.

Mrs. Styron was an estimable character, having spent a long, useful life devoted to the welfare of her own children and of her relatives who were left orphans about the time of her husband's death. She was left a widow with six small children and shortly afterwards undertook the care and rearing of the children of a sister and brother during the reconstruction period which followed the civil war.

Mrs. Styron was a consistent member of the First Baptist church. She is survived by two children—a daughter and son, Mrs. A. C. Laidler and Mr. Oliver W. Styron, both residents of Currie, N. C., and a long list of grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 o'clock this morning at the First Baptist church and the interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Miss Amie Harlowe is visiting friends in Durham.

— Mr. Ed. W. Overbaugh, of New York, is registered at The Orton.

— Mr. and Mrs. B. Solomon and Miss Lina Solomon have gone to New York.

— Miss Julia Capps has gone to Jacksonville, N. C., on a visit to friends.

— Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Bagg, of Columbia, spent Christmas here with relatives.

— Messrs. E. T. Walls and O. K. Myers, of Washington, N. C., were here yesterday.

— Mrs. B. M. Chiswell, who spent Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. H. Bellamy, has returned to New York.

— Our esteemed townsman, Mr. Edmund Lilly, who has been home to spend Christmas, returned last night to Wilson where he has been buying cotton this season for Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son.

— The Rev. E. C. Sell, Mrs. Sell and their four children passed through the city yesterday on their way to Snow Hill where he will be located this year. He was formerly pastor of Market Street M E. church, of this city, and made a host of friends who greeted him with gladness yesterday.

— Mr. Tom C. Lewis, Jr., son of Captain T. C. Lewis, of this city, was an assistant engineer on the Clyde steamship "Kiowa" which was sunk in collision off Boston by the steamer "Admiral Dewey." Much uneasiness was felt for him, but it was relieved when news came that all hands were saved.

Success

It has been clearly demonstrated that Wilmington will support an up-to-date China Store, and that the people do appreciate the same by giving it their liberal patronage.

Our Xmas trade was all that could be expected. For which I thank you.
Truly yours,
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At close of business November 17th, 1903.
Organized 1892.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1 028 833 05
Bonds		318 900 00
Real Estate		50,000 00
Cash in Vault	$ 70 721 76	
In other Banks	336,046 33	406,770 09
Total		$1,779,403 14

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$125,000 00
Surplus, etc.	188 136 85
Circulation	125 000 00
Deposits	1,340,266 29
Total	$1,779,403 14

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DIED AT RED SPRINGS.

Cadet Frank Love Succumbed to an Attack of Pneumonia—Death of Mrs. M. M. Gaylor, an Aged Lady.

We are sorry to learn of the death on Sunday of Cadet Frank Love, a young student who was attending the North Carolina Military Institute, at Red Springs. He had been ill some days with typhoid pneumonia. The deceased was aged 18 years and was the only son of Mr. James Love, of Tar Heel, N. C. He was a nephew of our esteemed townsman, Mr. Lilly B. Love, and a first cousin of Messrs. T. D. and W. W. Love, of our city. He was a nephew of Captain W. A. Robeson, of the steamer "City of Fayetteville."

The remains were brought down to Tar Heel and interred in the family vault yesterday. Mr. Lilly Love went up to attend the funeral.

Mrs. M. M. Gaylor, of Magnolia, died very suddenly at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Kellihan, at Red Springs, Sunday night at 11:30 o'clock. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. J. A. Kellihan, of Red Springs, and Mrs. J. A. Matthis, of Magnolia, and three sons, Messrs. John Gaylor, Geo. Gaylor, both of Magnolia, and Walter Gaylor, of Wilmington.

The funeral will take place at Atkinson at the family burying ground. The deceased was a good woman and all her friends will receive this news with sad hearts. The bereaved family has our heartfelt sympathy.

Special Meeting Chamber of Commerce.

President J. Allen Taylor, on yesterday issued a call for a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the rooms of the Chamber. The object of the meeting is to consider the transportation and freight service which the Seaboard Air Line renders to Wilmington.

DIED.

STOLTER—On Sunday, December 27th, 1903, at 3 o'clock P. M., JNO. F. STOLTER, in the 64th year of his age.

Funeral will take place this (Tuesday) morning, December 29th, at 11:30 A. M., at the family residence, corner of Eleventh and Market streets, thence to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Interment in Oakdale.

STYRON—At the residence of her nephew, D. N. Chadwick, at 11:30 P. M., Sunday, December 27 h, 1903, Mrs. CHARLOTTE HILL STYRON, in the 75th year of her age.

Funeral will take place this (Tuesday) morning at First Baptist church. Interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Castle Hall, Germania Lodge No. 4, K. of P. Dec. 29, 1903.

Brothers: You are hereby ordered to appear at your Castle Hall this morning at 10:30 o'clock to pay a tribute of respect to the deceased brother, Past Chancellor J. Jno F. Stolter.
By order of Chancellor Commander.
JOHN HARR,
Dec 29 1t Keeper of Records and Seals.

Folding Bed!

For sale a double Folding Bed of Finest Quality, with Springs and Mattress. Everything as good as new. Will be sold for half its value. Has a large Mirror, and when folded is a handsome piece of furniture.

For further information apply at the
Star Office.
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ACADEMY OF MUSIC
ONE WEEK.
Beginning Monday, Dec. 28th.
Return of Wilmington's favorite,
MABEL PAIGE,
and an excellent company.
5.....Big Vaudeville Acts.....5
TUESDAY NIGHT,
"OUR MINISTER."
Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents.
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GROCERIES.

50 Bbls Stick Candy.
200 Cases Salmons.
100 Boxes Octagon Soap.
300 Bags Green Coffee.
100 Boxes Borax Soap.
100 Boxes Ark Soap.
100 Cases Sardines.
100 Bbls Mullets.
100 Bags Peanuts.
25 Bbls Mott's Vinegar.
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Molasses, Syrups and a complete line of Groceries and Tobaccos for sale at lowest prices.

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Wholesale Groceries,
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The fullest and nicest line of SALTED FISH ever shown in the city. Mackerel from 8½cts to 35 cents each and oh! those 25 centers are high priced but so good, try one. Pickled Salmon, Bloater Herring, Mullets and Mullet Roe, Kippered Herring, Brook Trout Sardines, 5 to 40 cents a box, Deviled Sardines, Smoked Sardines, Sardines in Oil, Anchovy Paste Shrimps, Clams.

S. W. SANDERS.
Both Phones 109. de 27 tf

FOR SALE.

I own sixty building lots in the Southern portion of the City of Wilmington which I will sell for cash, prices ranging from $20 to $35. I will give warranty deeds for same. For further particulars you may see my attorney, Geo. H. Howell, at 118½ Princess street.
dec 27 1m MARY MCI. HARRING.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 29.

ANANIAS.

Exactly why Ananias and his wife were punished for lying is a mystery to many good and reverent people, who do not question the justice of the sentence, but are forced to believe that there was some unexplained exceptional reason for the exception made against this unhappy pair. If all of us who are guilty as they were should suffer their fate the race would be so nearly extinct that hardly enough would be left for seed.

Ananias was slain because he lied to the Spirit of the Almighty. The vast majority of us not only try to lie to God, but succeed brilliantly in lying to ourselves every day in the year. How many of us honestly tell ourselves the truth and look at ourselves with eyes of honest scrutiny and just inquiry?

Now and then some of us are unable to sleep when we go to bed, or wake in the night; and then come Conscience and Memory to insist on presenting their little accounts, and asks a settlement or adjustment of one kind or another. How we do lie to them and equivocate and dodge and urge postponement!

Darkness—the darkness of night or adversity—make the illumination of the soul and silence rouses it and is its music and gives it voice. In the noise and clamor and busy life of the working day world the soul is obscured and made dumb. When we are alone and the lights are out the swift summons is sent, and there come in plain view the answering processions of the good and evil we have thought and done and spoken, and we must review them, the accusing and approving voices to which we must listen. But we fight against the task.

For duties long neglected, we make to ourselves excuses which we know are not fair, honest nor true, and promises purposely vague which we know we do not intend to keep. When we have to consider our debts few of us do it truthfully and frankly. Either we exaggerate in a kind of pettish despair or else we shave off or omit something here or there or put it aside as if we could cancel it by closing our mental eyes against it. So small a thing as the writing of a letter long overdue or the paying of a visit to somebody to whom we know we owe deference, respect or affection, will bring into active operation the Ananias apparatus with which all of us are provided. We deal with our sins of commission as unscrupulously and pusillanimously as with those of omission. We will do better after awhile. We will give straight and earnest battle to this bad habit presently and to that after something rather indefinite has happened. We will try to resist temptation, but the purpose to put ourselves in the way of it is held sneaking but clearly visible under all this canopy of half-promises and false pretences. We have the impudence even to act little dramas before ourselves and parade ourselves before our own admiring but secretly dubious consideration as heroes and heroines doing desperate strife against dragons of impluse, passion, weakness, sloth and overcome after glorious resistance, for which we deserve sympathy and applause. We persuade ourselves that we are generous when we know that we have been niggardly. That is a subject on which scarcely any of us dare to be honest with ourselves. For charity or for church, for the poor, for public enterprises, we shave and scrimp and fool ourselves and argue with Conscience, and when we find the argument go against us, turn our backs squarely and run away. If the apostles should come back and attend some of these midnight conferences and punish prevarication as they did in the case of Ananias, the undertakers would be swamped and the obituary columns of the newspapers overcrowded—that is, provided any undertakers or newspaper people survived. From the most eminent citizens to the most obscure the fate would fall. We lie to ourselves as to what we have done, compressing the sin for the smallest possible limits, varnishing it over or actually trying to make it look like a virtue; we lie just as hard about what we are doing, perhaps at the very moment when Conscience makes its call; and just as hard again about the future.

Often it happens that we are strong enough to overcome and skilled enough to deceive ourselves with our own lies. Actually we make ourselves believe that the thing was not so bad after all; that really we will do better some of these days; that we will be more generous, faithful, punctual and honest, and so on. Which is all very well. But for most of us, and none can tell which of us, the time will come when we shall be tempest-tossed on life, with Conscience but a canker; when the world will not stay with us for all our yearning and beseeching, when its life and light, its noise, its beauty and its business drift mercilessly from us and the darkness descends about us like a pall slowly but inexorably. Then we cannot evade that; we cannot flee away from Conscience or from Memory; our souls will be lighted through all their corridors and depths so that we must see and the myriad voices of accusations will sound. When that time comes and we are forced through long nights and days to be truthful with ourselves at last, to look at our lives as they were, some of us will have reason to envy the sudden finish that mercifully ended the world's typical liar.

ANOTHER TERM OF ROOSEVELT.

There is a very significant sentence about Mr. Roosevelt in an interview with a Republican leader in New Jersey to which we have already made allusion. It is that prominent Republicans of his State "do not know but that, as soon as he finds he is elected for four years, he may commit some extravagant official act that will upset business or plunge the country into trouble with some foreign Power."

That is a matter for very serious consideration. We are thus far dealing with a Roosevelt who is under some measure of restraint because he was not elected to the office. If laws and treaties are of no account to him now, what might he not do if he should find himself President by vote of the people?

There is a story of the elder Carter Harrison, who extended the authority of Mayor on one occasion to a point that involved him with the courts. "Mr. Mayor," said the judge, "what authority had you for such action?" "Eight thousand majority on my last re election," he replied. That is the spirit in which a man like Mr. Roosevelt would receive an election.

When the Senate exercised its constitutional power of rejecting some of the President's nominations, or laying them aside, it is well known that he was extremely resentful. Reference being made to this in his presence, he brought his fist down on the table and said: "I want it understood now that I would rather be a whole President for three years than a half President for seven." Being a whole President meant being a President that the Senate would not presume to thwart; a President who would absorb the whole executive power, not content with that portion of it which the Consitution bestows upon him.

Not only the New Jersey Republicans, but all the people of all the States may well hesitate about giving a presidential election to a man of Mr. Roosevelt's temperament.—*Philadelphia Record.*

TWINKLINGS

— "Are you a moneyed man sir?" "No, sir; I'm a married man."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— Bill—I saw Jerry going to church Sunday with his wife. Jill—Yes; I guess he was paying an election bet.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Jones—Wonder what would happen if politicians always told the truth? Brown—There wouldn't be any politicians.—*Boston Transcript.*

— But is she sure he is a real duke?" "Oh, positive. Why, he borrowed money from her father to buy the engagement ring."—*Chicago Post.*

— Plumber—I hope you don't think my bill is extortionate, sir? Manufacturer—Oh, not at all. I've just had an interview with a walking delegate.—*Puck.*

— "I'm afraid my prospective mother-in-law is crazy," said the fluffy-haired girl as she toyed with her engagement ring. "Because why?" asked the family friend. "Because she says I'm good enough for her son," replied the prospective bride.—*Chicago News.*

— "That fellow Packer is the most greedy bore I ever met in my life." "Well, what could you expect of a man in the pork-packing business? He cures hogs, and you know the old saying: 'Similia similibus curantur.'"—*Phil. Press.*

—Mrs. Suddenrich—I never heard no such way of talkin' as you've got into at boardin' school. Daughter—I've learned to speak as the teachers do. Mrs. Suddenrich—Well, jus' drop it. Them poverty-stricken hirelings don't move in our set.—*New York Weekly.*

— "Do you claim that you have put a stop to some of the grafting in this city?" "Certainly," answered the political boss. "Several people who do not belong to the organization started to do some grafting on their own account, and I stopped 'em mighty quick."—*Washington Star.*

— "The rising young actor reminds me of a persimmon," observed the hash-fed philosopher. "Come on with the diagram," said the landlady as she poured another quart of hot water into the coffee pot. "One or two hard frosts are the making of him," answered the wise one.—*Kennebec Journal.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

For over Sixty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind †

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

CURRENT COMMENT.

— What Mr. Gaines proposes is copied from the constitution of the Confederacy, and would doubtless be an improvement on the plan laid down in the Federal compact. The French constitution provides for the election of a President for seven years by the national assembly, but since the republic began in 1870 no incumbent of the office has served out a full term. Every act of the President in France must be countersigned by a minister and the ministry is held responsible for all executive acts. The President of that country, therefore, is little more than a figure-head, and furnishes no example by which the chief executive office in this country may be modeled.—*Nashville Banner.*

— Now if the organs will take the hint and stop their shouting for free trade or its equivalent, "a tariff for revenue only;" if they will forget that they ever did any shouting of that kind; if they will stop fighting against protection per se—the established policy of this country—and wage their tariff fight against the abuses of protection; and if the Democratic politicians, big and little, will fall in with the organs on that line—right then and there the Democratic party will begin the recovery of lost ground. That is not only the Democratic opportunity, but the Democratic duty. That is the way to win converts from the Republican organization, and that is the only plan by which the minority can oust the majority and return to the seats of the mighty.—*Washington Post.*

— It seems not improbable that the raid on the Pennsylvania railroad stocks is the work of the Standard Oil crowd in revenge for the refusal of rebates that were not only ruinous to rivals, but could not possibly have been in the interest of the shareholders of railroad companies. To pay to the Standard Oil Company not only a heavy rebate on its own shipments, but the greater part of the freight collected from the rival companies, was a very effective way of making the Standard a monopoly, but it impaired the revenues of the railway companies. The Standard Oil Company has been quite in the habit of crushing everything it could not make use of, and the announcement that "no rebates will be allowed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to any shipper, no matter how large or small," which is in accordance with law and justice, was calculated to arouse the animosity of the Standard Oil people against President Cassatt.—*Philadelphia Record.*

— It is true that labor needs more wisdom, that labor has in many instances greatly erred. But has organized capital quite completed the task of acquiring all available knowledge? When and where has organized labor blundered more egregiously than did the magnates of finance who figured in the shipbuilding concern? And the steel combine, to which the *Commercial* refers as if it were a benignant providence—how many workingmen are lamenting the loss of savings invested in that company's stock—invested in securities based on air? It is impossible for either labor or capital to prevent fluctuations in wages, but labor can prevent, and has to a large extent prevented, wrongs to which it was formerly subjected. And it would not be surprising if organized labor should acquire that "whole heap of wisdom" which it needs as soon as organized capital learns that it is impolitic to attempt a continuous draft on the industrial resources of the country to pay dividends on pieces of paper that represent no capital whatever.—*Washington Post.*

— If the Senate ratifies the treaty the President can say to the House, "you have nothing further to do in this matter; you gave me the authority and the money by the act of June 28, 1902; I am going ahead with the canal." That act of June 28 is annexed to the treaty and practically made a part of it. It is the basis of the treaty, and the President's warrant for everything he has done. It has been supposed that further legislation would be required. By his exceedingly adroit stroke, the Secretary of State has avoided the possible embarrassments of discussion in the house, and a possible failure of legislation. Probably he feels sure that the Senate will approve his device for steering clear of the bothersome representatives. There might have been trouble in the House over the payment of $10,000,000, which is neither necessary nor justified. But the House has nothing to say. A new and strange situation has arisen since June, 1902. A prudent President would ask the judgment of the House upon it. President Roosevelt chooses to make the old act fit the new situation. Unless the House is uncommonly supine there may be trouble over it.—*New York Times.*

— Citiman—I didn't think your wife would remember me. Subbubs—Oh! yes, indeed. Citiman—She seems to have a very good memory. Subbubs—Wonderful, wonderful! Why, she can remember the names of all the cooks we ever had.—*Philadelphia Press.*

A Neighbor of W. J. Bryan.

I am glad of this opportunity to testify to the beneficial effects of Cheney's Expectorant. During the past winter it did not fall once to cure my cold or to give instant relief to coughing.

A. A. BRADBURY.

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For sale by J. C. Shepard.

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

IT MAY TOUCH THE HEART

Rheumatism Is Treacherous and Delay May Prove Fatal.

GET IT OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM NOW.

Rheumacide

Will do the work quickly, effectively and without any injury to the digestive organs. In fact, it will leave you in much better condition every way, for it cleanses the blood of poisonous lactic and uric acids that cause rheumatism, kidney troubles, indigestion, boils, chronic constipation and catarrh, and the germs that leave one an easy prey to malaria and contagious blood poison. It is not only the greatest blood purifier, but hundreds of relieved sufferers testify that it does one thing that no other remedy does—

CURES RHEUMATISM.

"GETS AT THE JOINTS FROM THE INSIDE."

AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

Synæsthetical Significance.

A writer in the Garden has discovered that many of the worst foes of the horticulturist begin with "w," and he instances worms, weevils, wind and other workers of wickedness. This, writes a correspondent, suggests a question as to whether there is any natural grouping of good or evil things under particular letters. Take "b," for example, and consider how many boons and blessings to man begin with it. The baker and butcher bring him bread and beef. For additional foods he has bacon, beans, bovril, bloaters, broccoli, broth, bivalves, bananas, berries, biscuits, buns and butter. After a banquet of bonnes bouches he may bring out his brier and blow his baccy while he bestrides his bicycle. These are but a few of the beneficent things included under that blessed letter "b." Now, as a contrast, take "d," and among the first words we think of are damp, dark, dreary, dismal, dirty, depressed, despairing and so on, the very sound of which is enough to drive one into doleful dumps.

The Hackney on Parade.

How a high bred hackney looks when he is put on exhibition at a big horse show is told by Sewell Ford in "Horses Nine:" It was a very pretty sight presented to the horse experts lining the rail and to persons in boxes and tier seats. They saw a blockily built strawberry roan, his chiseled neck arched in a perfect crest, his rigid thigh muscles rippling under a shiny coat as he swung his hocks, his slim fore legs sweeping up and out, and every curve of his rounded body from the tip of his absurd whisk broom tail to the white snip on the end of his tossing nose expressing that exuberance of spirits, that jaunty abandon of motion, which is the very apex of hackney style. Behind him a short legged groom bounced through the air at the end of the reins, keeping his feet only by means of most amazing strides.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—Cotton: Spot, in limited demand; prices 28 points higher; American middling fair 7.73d; good middling 7.56d; middling 7.46d; low middling 7.40d; good ordinary 7.30d; ordinary 7.10d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 7,700 bales American. Receipts 69,000 bales, including 62,100 bales American.

Futures opened firmer and closed steady; American middling (g o c): December 7.32d; December and January 7.29d; January and February 7.27@7.38d; February and March 7.26@7.27d; March and April 7.25@7.26d; April and May 7.25d; May and June 7.24d; June and July 7.22@7.23d; July and August 7.20d; August and September 7.08d.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 29.

STEAMERS.

Caprera, (Br) 2,197 tons, Connell, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Ameria, (Br) 1,575 tons, Scarf, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Edward Stewart, 353 tons, Mitchell, C D Maffitt.

Jennie Lockwood, 376 tons, Hatchhorn, C D Maffitt.

Eliza A Scribner, 357 tons, Dodd, to master.

Herald, 474 tons, Simmons, C D Maffitt.

Aetna, 297 tons, Chipman, C D Maffitt.

Helen G Moseley, 502 tons, Gray, C D Maffitt.

Millie R Bohannan, 579 tons, Smith, C D Maffitt.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Maffitt.

Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Maffitt.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 24nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agt.,
Wilmington, N. C.

NASAL CATARRH quickly yields to treatment by Ely's Cream Balm, which is agreeably aromatic. It is received through the nostrils, cleanses and heals the whole surface over which it diffuses itself. A remedy for Nasal Catarrh which is drying or exciting to the diseased membrane should not be used. Cream Balm is recognized as a specific. Price 50 cents at druggists or by mail. A cold in the head immediately disappears when Cream Balm is used. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. †

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm, with sales at $1.60@1.50 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 52c; rosin firm at $1.35@1.40; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	7
Rosin	507
Tar	185
Crude turpentine	105

Receipts same day last year—29 casks spirits turpentine, 62 barrels rosin, 281 barrels tar, 53 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm at 13.20c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 8½c for middling.

Receipts—2,196 bales; same day last year, 578.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 15@30c; springs, 20@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5¼@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Money on call was firm at 4½@6 per cent., closing bid 6 per cent., and offered at 6 per cent.; time loans steady; sixty days, 6 per cent.; ninety days 6 per cent.; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange firmer after ease, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.96@484.05 for demand and 480.80@480.90 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 481½ and 485. Commercial bills 480¼. Bar silver 55¾. Mexican dollars 43. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 106; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107½; do. coupon, 107¾; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133¼; do. coupons 133¼; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109¼; U.S. 4's, old coupon, 110½; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 114¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 88¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 33¾; Manhattan L 144¼; New York Central 117½; Reading 46¾; do. 1st preferred 76¾; do. 2nd preferred 60¼; St. Paul 146; do. pref'd, 175; Southern Railway 31¼; do. pref'd 79¼; Amalgamated Copper 43¾; People's Gas 99¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 37¾; U. S. Leather 7½; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76¼; Western Union 86¼; U. S. Steel 11; do. preferred 57¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 28¾; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 97½; sales — shares. Standard Oil 660 bid.

BALTIMORE, MD, Dec. 28.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 10¼ bid; do. preferred, 21@22; do. bonds, fours, 71¼ asked. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 105 bid; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Rosin steady. Strained common to good $2 50@2 55. Spirits turpentine quiet at 59¼@59¾c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 28.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels: A, B, C, $2 15; D, $2 15, E, $2 15; F, $2 15; G, $2 20; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $2 80; N, $2 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 28.—Spirits turpentine firm at 56@56¼c; receipts 1,232 casks; sales 845 casks; exports 349 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 8,121 barrels; sales — barrels; exports 3,366 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 25; D, $2 25; E, $2 25; F, $2 25; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W $3 50

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The cotton market opened strong at an advance of twenty-three to fifty-one points on excited covering and further bull support following sensationally high cables. The developments in Liverpool proved a genuine surprise to the local trade and from the very start the market ruled abruptly wild and irregular. After the opening there was a setback of ten or fifteen points under realizing, and during the forenoon the market ruled very irregular within a few points of that level, but in the early afternoon prices were again sharply rallied by a fresh influence of buying orders from New Orleans and all the months reached still higher prices, the highest in many a year, with January selling at 13.88; March at 14.18; May at 14.26 and July at 14.37. Adding to the extraordinary excitement and confusion it was reported that New Orleans bulls had formed a powerful speculative combination and had set out to gain control of the remainder of the crop if necessary with the idea of demanding extreme prices from the world's spinners for the balance of the season. Such rumors as this in the already excited state of popular sentiment joined to reports from all over the South that interior spot handlers were having difficulty to secure supplies either as a result of approaching exhaustion or the bullishness of holders completely overshadowed apprehensions as to the Far Eastern situation and the probable attitude of mills in respect to this latest advance. The bullishness of sentiment was also encouraged by the big falling off in interior receipts, while the full movement to the ports was concluded to mean nothing more than continued export demand, though exports for the day were small. Southern spot markets were generally firm and ¼c higher, and the New York spot market was marked up to 14 10 for middling uplands. The advance in spot cotton in Liverpool was equal to fifty-six American points and the strength in futures there was variously ascribed to covering, buying by continental exporters and manipulation by the New Orleans contingent. Towards the close there was enough realizing to drop prices a point or two, but the list was finally firm, net four and eight to fifty-nine points higher. Sales were estimated at 1,200,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Cotton quiet at 14.10c; net receipts — bales; gross receipts 12,925 bales; stock 76,342 bales.

Cotton futures market closed firm; December 13.81, January 13.85, February 13.89, March 14.15, April 14.19, May 14.25, June 14.25, July 14.26, August 13.86.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 40 points higher; middling uplands 14.10; middling gulf 14.35c; sales 4,100 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 56,875 bales; exports to Great Britain 653 bales; exports to France 6,015 bales; exports to the Continent 8,399 bales; stock 971,733 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 89,312 bales; exports to Great Britain 653 bales; exports to France 17,006 bales; exports to the Continent 19,477 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico 1,341 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,025,391 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,461,567 bales; exports to France 513,260 bales; exports to the Continent 1,536,953 bales; exports to Japan 31,849 bales; exports to Mexico 98,444 bales.

Dec. 28.—Galveston, firm at 13¾c, net receipts 12,273 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 5,000 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 14.00c, net receipts 8,729 bales; Boston, firm at 14 10, net receipts — bales; Wilmington, firm at 13.20c, net receipts 2,196 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 14.35c, net receipts 346 bales; Savannah, firm at 13¾, net receipts 13,124 bales; New Orleans, firm at 13½c, net receipts 23,158 bales; Mobile, nominal at 13¾c, net receipts 1,639 bales; Memphis, firm at 13¾c, net receipts 2,931 bales; Augusta, firm at 13¾c, net receipts 1,787 bales; Charleston, firm at 13¾c, net receipts 150 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Flour was fairly active and stronger; Minnesota patents $4 55@4 75; winter patents $4 00@4 35; Minnesota bakers' $3 70@3 85. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 94¾c. Options were strong and active until midday when a big visible supply increase and better weather in the Argentine caused sharp reactions. Early advances were based on war news, reports of heavy rain in Argentine, higher cables, bullish foreign statistics and covering. Closed unsettled and ½@⅝c net higher: No. 2 red May closed 87½c; July closed 85¾c; December closed 94¾c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 52¾. Options market was active and higher most of the day on good Western support, better cables, strength in wheat and covering, but eventually eased off slightly, closing ¾c net higher: May closed 51c; December 53c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 42¼c. Options nominal. Lard firmer; Western steam $7 25; refined firm; continent $7 40; compound 6¼@6¾. Butter steady; extra creamery 23c; State dairy 14@20. Cheese quiet; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3¾@5c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $2 12@2 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 25. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton, $20 00@25 00; per 100 $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Rice quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@6¼. Molasses firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice 31@38. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 26c. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3@3 1-16c; centrifugal 96 test 3¾@3 9-16c; molasses sugar 2¾@2 13 16c; refined sugar quiet; confectioner's $4 80; mould A $4 70; cut loaf $5 05; crushed $5 05; powdered $4 55; granulated $4 45; cubes $4 70. Tallow firm; city ($3 per package) 5c; country (package free) 4¾@5¼c. Pork firm; family $14 50@15 00; short clear $13 25@15 75; mess $13 25@14 00. Cotton seed oil had a firm undertone and fair trade at the old level prices: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 29@30c; prime summer yellow 37c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 39@40c; prime winter yellow 40@42c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Delay of harvesting in Argentine due to rains was a cause of strength in wheat to-day. The market closed firm with May up ½@1c., May corn ½@¾c. higher and oats ½@1c. Provisions gained 2½ to 12½.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Cash prices: Flour—Market quiet. Wheat—No. 2 spring 86; No. 3 spring 78@80c; No. 2 red 83¼@86c. Corn—No. 2 42¼c; No. 2 yellow 44¼. Oats—No. 2 35¼@37¼; No. 3 white 37@37¼. Rye—No. 2 52¼. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 25@12 37½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 70@6 75. Short rib sides, loose, $6 25@6 37½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 37½@6 50. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 81¾, 81¾, 81¼, 81¾c; May 83⅞@84½, 84¾, 83¾, 84¼@84¾; July 78¼@78¾, 79¼, 78¼, 78¾c. Corn—No. 2 December 41¼, 42, 41¼, 41¾c; May 44⅝@44¾, 45¼, 44¼, 45¼c; July 44¼@44½, 44¾, 44½, 44⅝c. Oats—No. 2 December 34¼, 35⅛, 34¾, 35c; May 37¼@37¾, 37⅞@38, 37¾, 37⅝@37⅝c; July 34¼, 35¾, 34¼, 34¾@35c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $12 35, 12 27½, 12 20, 12 20; May $12 55, 12 65, 12 50, 12 55. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 75, 6 77½, 6 70, 6 73½; May $6 95, 7 00, 6 90, 6 93¼. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 30, 6 35, 6 30, 6 30; May $6 60, 6 65, 6 57½, 6 60.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 7 3-16c; mild firm; Cordova 8¼@13c. Spot coffee steady at an advance of 10 to 30 points, following higher European and Brazilian cables and reports of a better inquiry for spot coffee. Around the close higher offers for Santos gave the market another upward twist and the close was firm at a net gain of 15 to 30 points, with September and November selling up to the 8 cent mark, as did also December, 1904. Sales 252,000 bags.

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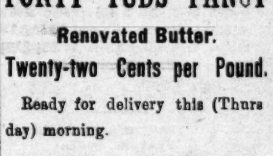

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[Original.]

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"How's that?"

"I was workin' fur Mr. Noble at the time, and one day he said to me, says he: 'Parker, I wish ye'd git married, 'cause a woman would be handy about the place. I don't mean a servant; one to call on occasionally for a job.'

"I was jest a-startin' out to trim the hedge and stood with the shears in my hand thinkin' on what he'd said.

"'I reckon that's a good idee, Mr. Noble,' I tole him, 'an idee that's occurred to me quite frequent of late. Fact is, thur's a young gal I been thinkin' of askin' to marry me fur some time.'

"'Have ye done any courtin'?' he asked.

"'Why, no. I hain't no good at courtin' nohow. Anybody marries me 'll hev to do it without courtin'.'

"'Well, Parker, in some cases where practical women are concerned I don't know but it's just as well to tell yer story offhand as to bent about the bush. Who's the girl?'

"'The young schoolteacher that started in last fall—Miss Field.'

"'What!' he says, surprised like. 'Miss Field?'

"'Yes,' I says. 'D'ye think she's too good fur me?'

"She's the one to decide that, Parker. It wouldn't be right fur me to express an opinion. The only way ye can do is to put the case to her and let her tell ye herself."

"He went into the house lookin' sort o' queer, and I worked on the hedge all day. That evenin' I concluded to try my luck with the schoolteacher. So I puts on my store clothes and starts roun' to Deacon Weeks', where she was boardin'. The twilight was still on, and she was a-sittin' on the porch all alone. Thur was a smell o' roses in the air and a half moon in the sky. She was a-readin' a book, but when she see me she laid it down and give me a welcomin' smile.

"'How d' do, Mr. Parker?' she said, with the sweetest voice in the world.

"I stood kind o' awkward-like, and to help me on she asked who I'd come to see, and when I tole her I'd come to see her she asked me to sit down. Then, rememberin' what Mr. Noble said about not beatin' round the bush, I begun.

"'Miss Field,' I says, 'I was a-talkin' with Mr. Noble 'bout my takin' a wife. He thinks one 'd be handy 'bout the place. He advised me to go right to the girl I wanted and tell her. I tole him that you was my choice, but that I thought you might be too good fur me. He said you was the one to decide that.'

"Fust off she turned sort o' pale; then the color come rushin' up into her cheeks 's if a cock hed been turned on inside her. Cur'us, I thought, how some wimmen 'll be taken aback by anything suddent. After all, it might 'a' been better to 'a' done a little prev'us beatin' 'bout the bush.

"'I hope I hain't said nothin' that I shouldn't 'a' said,' I stammered.

"'Not at all,' she answered me, gatherin' herself together. 'You have paid me a very high compliment, but I confess I don't like Mr. Noble's taking it upon himself to instruct you in the affair.'

"'I'm sorry I mentioned him.'

"'There's no harm done. After all, Mr. Noble has nothing to do with the matter; nothing at all. You have made me a proposition and are entitled to an answer. You can tell Mr. Noble, who has thought proper to attempt to secure me for a handy person, that a previous'—

"'I thought ye said Mr. Noble hed nothin' to do with it.'

"'You're right; so he hasn't. Well, then, while I feel very much complimented, I must decline your proposition. I shall always think of you kindly and remember how you have honored me.'

Then I went away. I was dead certain that I'd made her mad by bringin' in Mr. Noble. After all, that was beatin' about the bush. The next mornin' as he was drivin' out o' the place I tole him I'd done the job. He pulled in and asked me all about it. I repeated what we said as well as I could remember and tole him I'd made a mistake by bringin' him into it.

"'Perhaps you did, Parker,' he said after listenin' to it all mighty interested, 'but since the lady has a previous attachment that would have beaten you anyway.'

"'He drove off lookin' mighty glum. Fact is he seemed to take my failure as bad 's if he'd made it himself. I'd seen 'em more or less together that spring, but never ag'in till the next fall. Then I see 'em walkin' down by the river side. Mr. Noble was a-bendin' over her and talkin' mighty earnest, while she was a-lookin' the other way.

"'He's a-tryin' to undo what he done fur me as well as himself,' I said. 'Mebbe he'll fix it up, and I'll have another chance. Next time, you bet, I won't go beatin' 'bout the bush.'

"That winter I left Mr. Noble, havin' bought a farm, and didn't see him or Miss Field fur two years. Then I found 'em married.

"Now, I've tole you how I blundered once before. I ain't goin' to beat 'bout the bush ag'in. Sallie, will ye marry me?'

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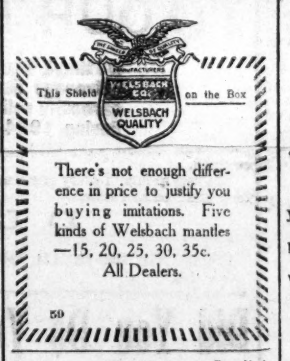

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Many women weep and wail and refuse to be comforted because their once magnificent tresses have become thin and faded. Many men incline to profanity because the flies bite through the thin thatch on their craniums. It will be good news to the miserable of both sexes, to learn that Newbro's Herpicide has been placed upon the market. This is the new scalp germicide and antiseptic that acts by destroying the germ or microbe that is the underlying cause of all hair destruction. Herpicide is a new preparation, made after a new formula on an entirely new principle. Anyone who has tried it will testify as to its worth. Try it yourself and be convinced. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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Ely's Cream Balm

cleanses, soothes and heals the diseased membrane. It cures catarrh and drives away a cold in the head quickly.

Cream Balm is placed into the nostrils, spreads over the membrane and is absorbed. Relief is immediate and a cure follows. It is not drying—does not produce sneezing. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents.

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BIG G CURES in 1 to 5 days. Guaranteed not to stricture. Prevents Contagion. THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO. CINCINNATI, O. U. S. A.

MEN AND WOMEN. Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for $1.00, or 3 bottles $2.75. Circular sent on request.

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Original and Only Genuine. Always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in RED and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse Dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co. Mention this paper. Madison Square, PHILA. PA.

COAL, COAL, COAL.

The COAL we are offering at $5.00 per Ton will make you as good a fire, give you as much heat and do you as much service as Coals offered you at higher prices.

When you pay more you are throwing away the difference.

If warmth is what you want our COAL will give it to you.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Inter-State Phones 416, 146. Bell Phones 94, 64.
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Rehder's Rehder's

THE STORE THAT PAYS YOUR CAR FARE.

A Happy New Year!

We wish you both a happy and prosperous New Year. Hope that your visits to this store in 1904 will be very frequent. Daily we shall place before you the best of values and assure you that what we advertise will always be as represented. The announcement of our usual

January White Sale

will be made in a short time.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,
dec 27 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

A Happy New Year

To one and all! At the same time we wish to thank you for past favors and hope you will continue to favor us with your patronage. Best wishes from

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,

The Leading Millinery House,
dec 27 tf 118 Market street.

Christmas is Near at Hand

And we are waiting and ready to supply your wants in all kinds of

Pretty Slippers and Shoes,

as well as Leggins and Over-gaiters. See us for any foot wants, be they large or small.

Geo. R. French & Sons.

Our Store will be open after night this week. dec 20 tf

CITY LIVERY CO.,

BAGGAGE TRANSFER.

BRASS POLISH, HARNESS OIL, CHAMOIS, SPONGES, SOAP,

RIDING BRIDLES. SADDLES, BLANKETS, ROBES, WHIPS.

dec 6 tf 108, 110, 112 North Second Street.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,181,999 44	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	350,000 00	Surplus and net profits	104,556 80
Bank Building	20,000 00	Circulation	9 0,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	718 1 4 94	Deposits	1,827,142 66
	$2,229,058 96		$2,229,058 96

Comparative statement of deposits,
Nov. 17th, 1901, $972,308 36. Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,827,142 66.
Nov. 17th, 1902, $61,164,000 06

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.
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IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT

As to what to purchase for a Christmas Gift, we would respectfully invite you to call on us that we may show you our line of goods, which you will find to consist of a host of valuable and useful articles.....

Brass Fenders in several designs, $5, $6, $7.50 and $8.75

Brass Andirons, artistic designs, $5 to $9.50 per pair.

Brass Fire Sets, Stand, Shovel, Tongs and Poker, $3 $5 and $6.50.

Guns, single and double barrel, $5 to $35.00.

Hunting Coats-Vest, Leggins in Canvas and Leather.

A large assortment Pocket Knives in Pearl and Horn Handles, blades of very best quality of steel.

Latest patterns in Scissors. Hermann Baker's make, nothing better, 50c to $3c.

Carving Sets, many styles to select from, $1.15 to $3 50 per set.

—SPECIAL AGENTS FOR—

Howes Scales, L. & R. Powder and Peninsular Stoves

J. W. Murchison & Co.,

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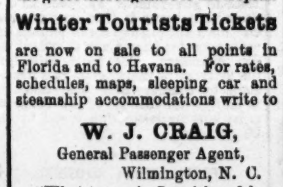

Rubbers.

You ought to see our latest with the thick extension heel; they wear twice as long as the ordinary kind.

Sold at

Solomon's Shoe Store.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Rust Proof Seed Oats.

Excellent quality. Very low price.

We have some extra fine

Rough Rice,

suitable for seed.

BAGGING AND TIES.

Fish, Cheese, Crackers.

Grain and Hay.

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Samples and prices on application.

THE WORTH CO.
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Why Not Take a Trip This Winter Through

Florida to Cuba.

This beautiful State and Island has been brought within easy reach by the splendid through train service of the

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the great thoroughfare to the tropics.

Winter Tourists Tickets

are now on sale to all points in Florida and to Havana. For rates, schedules, maps, sleeping car and steamship accommodations write to

W. J. CRAIG,
General Passenger Agent,
Wilmington, N. C.

"What to say in Spanish and how to say it" sent to any address upon receipt of a two cent stamp.
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SHIPPERS NOTICE.

The Steamer Highlander will leave Mondays and Thursdays, and the Steamer City of Fayetteville Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 P. M. for Fayetteville. Gate will close at 3:30 P. M., and no freight will be received for steamer leaving at 4 after 3:30.

T. D. LOVE, Agent.
South Atlantic Transit Co.
dec 11 tf

SCHEDULE
CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,
LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3 00 P. M.	5.00 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
†6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10 30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 5 P. M. trips. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 15 tf

BUTTER,

APPLES, ORANGES,
CANDY, COCOANUTS,
RAISINS,

HALL & PEARSALL,

INCORPORATED.
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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 23 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 22 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 50 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 53 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 38 a m	9 13 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 32 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 13 p m	2 27 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	6 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	†1 46 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.
SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 25 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 20 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 35 p m	Ar	4 45 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 48 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.
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Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m, arrive Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:40 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 2:15 a m, Pembroke 2:55 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 5:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:02 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 25 a m	1 25 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 23 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	3 30 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	8 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 36 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 35 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 13 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 31, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Passg'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Passg'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 27	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.50 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.45 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 31 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

The Clyde Steamship Co New York,

Wilmington, N. C., and Georgetown, S. C., Lines

From New York to Wilmington.

NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Dec. 26
CARIB.....Saturday Jan. 2

From Wilmington for New York.

CARIB.....Saturday, Dec. 26
NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Jan. 2

From Wilmington for Georgetown.

CARIB.....Tuesday, Dec. 22
NAVAHOE.....Tuesday, Dec. 29

Both Steamers have good Passenger accommodation.

Through Bills Lading and Lowest Through Rates guaranteed to and from points in North and South Carolina.

For freight and passage apply to
H. G. SMALLBONES, Supt.
Wilmington, N. C.
CLIDE MILNE, Gen'l Freight Agent.
THEO. G. EGER, Gen'l Manager.
WM. P. CLYDE & CO., Gen'l Agents,
19 State Street, New York.
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To Excursionists.

The first thing you should do on your arrival in Wilmington is to have a clean, easy shave, or a stylish hair-cut, or a c[illegible] and refreshing shampoo. Possibly, you may need all of these comforts.

"The Favorite" Barber shop is the place.

GUION & DAVIS,
no 7 South Front Street.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 29.

HOLIDAY GAIETIES.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke *Jones* Will Entertain Five Hundred Guests at Airlie To-night—Special Train.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones will give an elaborate entertainment at Airlie to night complimentary to their Wilmington friends. The decorations for the function are on a magnificent scale and the occasion will be the society event of the season. There will be a ball and banquet, after which the guests will return to the city. Arrangements have been made for the Atlantic Coast Line to take them down on a special train which leaves Front street station at 8:45 o'clock this evening. The train will return about 3 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Christmas german of L'Agile Cotillion Club will be given to-morrow night at the Masonic Temple, and that of L'Arlsos German Club will occur Thursday night. The Temple will be handsomely decorated for these brilliant affairs.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Officers Elected by the Pythian Endowment Rank Last Night.

Section 221, Endowment Rank, K. of P., held its annual meeting last night and elected officers.

Acting Vice President John F. Little presided and Dr. J. D. Nutt, the secretary, was at his post.

The following officers were elected for the year next ensuing:

President—H. O. Craig.

Vice President—John Haar.

Secretary—James D. Nutt.

Auditing Committee—John Haar, W. W. Hodges and R. C. DeRosset.

During the past year the Section has had four deaths and paid $12,000 in benefits. Mr. J. F. Stotter, who died on Sunday, carried a policy for $3,000. In the past sixteen years there has been paid over $100,000 to beneficiaries in Wilmington. The insurance now in force amounts to $301,500.

The Section is in fine order and has 135 members. The Board of Control, at Chicago, reports that the Endowment Rank is now in a most flourishing condition. It recently invested in $35,000 of North Carolina State bonds.

"A Modern Shakespeare"

Among other society events of the present season about the last (but we hope not the least) is the entertainment which the Wilmington Light Infantry will present January 6th—"A Modern Shakespeare," a bright, charming little comedy, interspersed with catchy specialties, mention of which has already been made in these columns.

Among these special features will be a beautiful fancy dance by the bright little pupils of Miss Leonora Cantwell's dancing class, composed of the following little ladies and gentlemen: Agnes Harden, LeRoy Polvogt; Kate Myers, Harold Whitlock; Sadie Booker, Thorburn Bennett; Miss Cantwell; Bessie Piner, Chas. Parmele; Sue Catlett, Stone Pulliam.

The box sheet will be opened to the purchasers of tickets bought of the members of the company, now on sale, at DeHosset's book store, Jan. 1st and 2nd, and to the general public from Jan. 3rd to 6th inclusive.

Real Estate Transfers.

By deed recorded by the Register of Deeds yesterday, the following transfer of real estate was made:

By P. Quince Moore and wife, for $400, to Frank B. King, a lot fronting 33 feet in the western line of Market street, and having a depth of 165 feet, extending northwardly, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets.

Another Toy Pistol Accident.

Another victim of the toy pistol was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital yesterday, making the fifth since Christmas. The last unfortunate was a negro boy named Johnson, about 11 years old. He was shot in the right eye by another boy and will lose his sight.

High Water Mark for Cotton.

Cotton quotations on the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce went higher yesterday than at any time since 1874 and 1875. The market closed at 13.20 for middling as a basis.

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1903:

Galveston, 1,735,928; New Orleans, 1,199,006; Mobile, 155,369; Savannah, 859,592; Charleston, 135,852; Wilmington, 285,155; Norfolk, 313,090; Baltimore, 8,885; New York, 19,557; Boston, 6,438; Philadelphia, 3,927; Brunswick, 69,060; Pensacola, 78,641; Port Arthur, 33,577; Port Townsend, 14,560; San Francisco, 7,289; El Paso, 400; Eagle Pass, 4,148; Laredo, 4,440; Newport News, 1,602. Total, 4,335,971.

Everything of a preliminary character has been settled for the fight to-night in San Francisco, Cal., between Young Corbett of Denver and Eddie Hanlon of San Francisco.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

GRAVE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

Neither Russia Nor Japan Likely to Find Difficulty in Raising Funds for War.

OPINION IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Czar Peacefully Disposed—May Make Concessions, But Believes that Preparation for War is the Best Safeguard for Peace.

By Cable to the Morning Star

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—An important joint meeting of the cabinet and privy council will take place to-day to consider ways and means in view of the grave situation, but no difficulty is anticipated in providing for the extraordinary expenditure, including the completion of the Seoul-Fusan railway.

It is believed that unless Russia modifies her reply Japan will immediately safeguard Corea, though such a step will not necessarily mean war with Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—The consensus of unofficial opinion among those associated with the government but not responsible therefor, is that the Czar is so peacefully disposed that he will make such concessions to Japan as are necessary to prevent war, provided that no unforseen events force the hands of the governments concerned. At the same time the Czar it is pointed out, agrees with those who believe that preparation for war is the best safeguard of peace, and that apparent willingness to allow matters to be sumitted to the test of arms is more likely to lead to a satisfactory compromise than an exhibition of over-much peacefulness. This unofficial opinion, however, believe the controlling party regards Corea as necessary to the consolidation of Russian interests in the Far East, and therefore is determined to prevent the peninsula falling into Japanese hands, and that any concessions Russia now makes to Japan will only be with the object of deferring the difficulty until a more seasonable time.

There is not likely to be much difficulty in finding money in case of war. A foreign loan on acceptable terms is probably impossible, but the Russian banks and merchants have ample funds on which the government could draw.

The reason why the British alarmist news fails to convince the Russians is the perfect understanding here of the benefits Great Britain derives from a continuance of the strained situation. It was known here a year ago that Great Britain was planning to occupy Thibet and extend the railroad to a point in the Yang Tse valley, which is reachable by gunboats from the sea. Great Britain's forward movement at this time excites both admiration and rage, the former for the clever political move, the latter because Russia is so pre-occupied in the Far East that she is unable to prevent Great Britain from creating her own Manchuria in the Yang Tse provinces. It is pointed out here that the present situation affords Great Britain the same opportunity as actual war between Russia and any third power.

British Naval Reserves.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—An admiralty order, issued at Portsmouth, requires the officers and men of the British naval reserves to notify the authorities of the addresses where telegrams can be sent in case of emergency, should they be required for active service. The order is generally connected with the rumors that the fleet in the Far East is to be strengthened, concerning which, however, the authorities profess ignorance.

Japan is negotiating for the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Rivoavis, now building at Genoa, Italy, but up to this afternoon the Japanese legation had not heard of the completion of their purchase.

Meat for Russia.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 28.—The Russian government has given an order with Armour & Company of this city for a million and a half pounds of mess meat for immediate shipment to San Francisco. The order calls for the delivery of the meat at San Francisco by January 23d. The meat, it is said, is for the use of the Russian army and its destination is said to be Port Arthur.

GEORGIA PEACH GROWERS.

Complaint Against A. C. L. and Other Railroads to Interstate Commission.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 28.—Chas. A. Prouty, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, gave a hearing to-day in the case of the Georgia Peach Growers' Association against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and others, in adjournment of a hearing held at Atlanta, Ga., a month ago. Several Boston dealers in Georgia peaches stated that the transportation facilities afforded by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad between Boston and Jersey City were inadequate. One witness declared that the rates were exorbitant. Representatives of the railroad contended that the unusual nature of the service required from the road made it necessary to insist on higher rates in order to make the business even fairly profitable. No decision was announced.

BANK BURGLARS.

Blew Open a Safe at Jasper, Fla., But Got No Money.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JASPER, FLA., Dec. 28.—The safe of the Blackwell Banking Company was blown open early this morning by burglars. The burglars were evidently professionals. They seized two old negroes who were watching Frank Adams' cotton warehouse and locked them up in a refrigerator car to keep them from giving the alarm, where they were found this afternoon. The burglars got no money, as they were discovered in the act. They showed fight, exchanging many shots with the parties in pursuit, but they escaped.

TO INVADE TURKEY.

Four Thousand Macedonian Revolutionists are in Readiness.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SALONICA, EUROPEAN TURKEY, Dec. 28.—The authorities are informed that four thousand Macedonian revolutionists, under the leadership of eighty Bulgarian officers, are ready to invade Turkish territory. An order was issued here to-day requesting the Turkish officers to exercise extreme vigilance. It is rumored that the second army reserve will again be called out.

NEW HIGH RECORD PRICES FOR COTTON.

New York Exchange Excited—Surprising Strength at Liverpool—Tremendous Buying—48 to 59 Points Advance

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—New high record prices were made amid the greatest excitement at the very opening of the Cotton Exchange to-day. First prices were at an advance of twenty-three to fifty-one points. Before the call was fairly completed March had sold at 14.01, May at 14.20 and July at 14.14. The advance followed the surprising strength at Liverpool, where prices were seventeen to twenty points higher at the time of the local opening instead of a shade lower as expected, with private cables ascribing gains to heavy buying for Continental, Egyptian and American accounts. The early market was active and excited. There wae tremendous buying for both accounts, with New Orleans supporting just enough to add to the apprehension of shorts who were apparently in a panic stricken condition. But realizing, too, was very heavy and after the call prices showed a declining tendency, sagging off several points from the best during the first fifteen or twenty minutes, although the market continued very feverish and unsettled with most of the selling by parties having profits to take.

After fluctuating very irregularly for a time about ten to fifteen points under the best prices of the morning the market turned very strong again in the early afternoon, reaching still higher prices on all the active months. The excitement was intense. There was liquidation on every fresh upward movement and toward the close the market sagged off a few points but was finally firm at a net advance of forty-eight to fifty-nine points. Sales estimated at 1,900,000 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—An immense volume of business was done in the cotton market to-day, with prices from twenty-eight to fifty-seven points higher than the close of Thursday. Profit-taking was enormous, but had little effect on prices. The demand from all quarters was strong and the market bulled itself. Little or no support was offered by the prominent longs, and in a measure they checkd the advance.

SEABOARD AIR LINE R. R.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders—Old Board of Directors Re-elected—Annual Report of Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 28.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard Air Line railway was held to-day at the general office of the company in Portsmouth, Va., practically every share of the stock being represented in person or by proxy. The acts of the directors for the previous year were ratified and approved.

The following board of directors was then elected:

John Skelton Williams, Thomas F. Ryan, James A. Blair, J. William Middendorf, S. Davies Warfield, C. Sibley Shepard, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., James H. Dooley, John B. Dennis, James M. Barr, George W. Watts, Ernest Thalmann, Norman B. Ream, Nathaniel Thayer, B. E. Yoakum, H. Clay Pierce.

The old board was re-elected, with the addition of George W. Watts, of Durham, N. C., the board being increased from fifteen to sixteen. Leigh R. Watts, general counsel for the company, presided over the meeting.

The annual report of the company for the year ending June 30th, 1903, which was submitted to the meeting, showed gross earnings of the system for that period of $12,706,527.83, being an increase of $1,126,712.45. Net earnings $3,387,748.92, a decrease of $47,846.30. The surplus over interest and fixed charges for the twelve months was $832,480.80, being an increase of $12,224.32 over the previous year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—President Skelton Williams, of the Seaboard Air Line, said to-night that there was no truth in the rumor of his contemplated resignation in favor of J. M. Barr. Mr. Williams also said that it was untrue that any hitch had occurred in the Ryan-Blair syndicate negotiations, and that on the contrary they were progressing in the most satisfactory and harmonious manner.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Navy Department has been advised that the new cruiser Charleston, now building at Newport News, will be launched on January 23d. The sponsor has not yet been selected.

Arthur Lee, alias Charles Lee, was sentenced to ten years in State's prison at Halifax, Va., yesterday for derailing the Southern Railway's train No. 3 at Milton station November 1st.

Commander Francis H. Delano, of the Nashville, who rendered conspicuous service at Colon at the time of the recent revolution in Panama, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

An authoritative statement of the loss on the big Gallego mills, at Richmond, Va., Sunday morning, is given out. It is put at $230,000, fully covered by insurance. The proprietors say they will rebuild at once.

The death list resulting from the head-on collision between two Pere Marquette Railroad passenger trains near East Paris, Mich., last Saturday night stands at 22, with 29 persons injured, several of them probably fatally.

Two small negro children were burned to death in a cabin seven miles from LaGrange, Ga., Saturday night. They had been left alone by their mother and it is supposed they set the house on fire by playing with fire in a stove.

John Burton, of Irvington, Va., mate of the schooner Columbia, which arrived at Norfolk yesterday, was washed from the vessel's deck by a huge sea Saturday and lost, a few miles off Hog Island. The colored cook was also frozen to death.

Norwegian steamer Alphonse has arrived at Falmouth from Laguna, with the captain and thirteen men, comprising the crew of the British barque Glen Grant, from Apalachicola for Granton. The Glen Grant was abandoned in a sinking condition November 30th.

Special Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Charlotte, N. C., Annual Meeting Shriners. Tickets on sale Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, final limit Dec. 31st. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $13.00.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street.

MORE U. S. MARINES SENT TO PANAMA.

Cruiser Dixie Sails for Colon With Six Hundred Men and Fighting Supplies.

THE COLOMBIAN LEGATION.

Gen. Reyes and Dr. Herran Completing Arrangements for Leaving Washington. Awaiting Official Communication from Secretary Hay.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The auxiliary cruiser Dixie sailed from the League Island navy yard to day en route for Colon, carrying six hundred marines and five months living and fighting supplies for 1,000 men. Six companies of marines, divided into two battalions, sailed on the Dixie.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Although Secretary Hay has not yet replied to the note of General Reyes, preparations are rapidly going on for the closing of the Colombian legation here and the departure of Colombia's representatives for home. It is clear that they do not entertain very much hope of a satisfactory response by this government. Already, most of the legation files have been packed and arrangements made for placing them in strorage here. General Reyes for several days has denied himself to callers. It is believed here that while the reply of Mr. Hay has not been made, sufficient information has been obtained by the Colombian representatives in the interviews they have had with the secretary to enable them to forecast its conclusions. The preparations going on for closing up the affairs of the legation would seem to indicate that General Reyes and Dr. Herran are awaiting only as a matter of form and diplomatic courtesy, the official communication of Mr. Hay, setting forth the reasons why this government cannot accept their view of the Panama situation, before severing relations with the United States.

COLON, Dec. 28.—A. M. Beaupre, United States Minister to Colombia, and Mrs. Beaupre, arrived here from Cartagena to-day on the United States cruiser Olympia. Comparatively little information as to the general situation could be gained at Cartagena. There are probably 3,500 troops there, and there are reported to be 5,000 at Barranquilla. The government is doubtless slowly concentrating troops at Barranquilla and moving them toward Tiumai in small numbers. There are probably twelve hundred Colombian soldiers at Tiuami and vicinity to-day and this number is gradually being increased.

Minister Beaupre had a good trip down the Magdalena river, and was greatly gratified to find the Olympia had been sent to Cartagena. The Bogota authorities extended every courtesy to the minister, who left Bogota in a special train, and was carried down the river on a special steamer.

Mr. Beaupre is going home on a leave of absence, which has long been deferred. He said he thought that any trouble between the United States and Colombia was improbable and that the Americans in Colombia of whom there are very few, there being only about ten in Bogota, and some prospectors in Anticquia and other places, were in no danger of molestation.

ATTEMPT TO LYNCH NEGROES

Mob at Council Bluffs Broke Into Jail, But Were Persuaded to Let the Law Take Its Course.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, Dec. 28.—A mob of 1,000 men and boys surrounded the county jail last midnight and battered in the doors in an attempt to lynch two negroes, Geo. Williams and Neely Zimmerman, charged with assaulting two white women Friday night, but dispersed when Congressman Smith appealed to the mob through George Sanders, husband of one of the assaulted women. The mayor and all the policemen of Council Bluffs were unable to dissuade the rioters from their attack on the jail, although the policemen repeatedly charged the mob. Congressman Smith arrived just as the mob rushed in the front doors of the jail with railroad iron. Smith rushed through the crowd and secured the attention of Sanders, urging him to go home and let the law take its course. Shortly afterward the crowd dispersed.

MR. BARR VERY RETICENT.

On the Subject of His Reported Election to the Presidency of the Seaboard Air Line R. R.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 28.—First Vice President and General Manager J. M. Barr was seen at his residence to-night by the Associated Press correspondent. He was very reticent on the subject of his reported election to the presidency of the Seaboard.

In response to all queries he simply said: "I have not yet been advised."

"I infer from your remark that your advancement to the head of the system is then, not only possible but probable," said the correspondent.

"I have not yet been advised of any such action as you refer to," said Mr. Barr.

This was his sole reply to all further questions. The head of the operating department would not have been surprised at any moment to have received a telegram announcing his election.

JEWS IN RUSSIA.

The Reported Contemplated Massacre to Take Place January 7th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—With the view to enlisting the immediate and active interest of the United States against the reported contemplated massacre of Jews in Russia on Jan. 7th, the Russian New Year, Simon Wolf, a member of the executive council of the B'nai Brith, and representing the United Jewish societies, to-morrow will lay before the State Department an urgent appeal in behalf of his people reported to him to be thus threatened. Following his visit to the department Mr. Wolf will be received by President Roosevelt, at which time the whole subject of the status of the Jews in Russia will be discussed.

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An invigorating Food.
A delightful Beverage.

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Xmas Suggestions for the Holidays.

You cannot afford to spend days and hours in search of Christmas Presents. You will look the city over and find no better assortment or better value than in this Store. In all articles our line is complete and you get your money's worth and prices within the reach of all.

Our Rugs, Carpets, Art Squares and Mattings are Fine.

Attention is called to the assortments of Fancy Goods, Neckwear, Dress Patterns and trimmings to match.

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas are the best.

Our Chinaware is something to think of.

New Gimps, Dressing Cases and Bags and Leather Goods are useful things to have.

Fancy Table Linens, Scarfs, Tray Covers and Fancy Doylies; all kinds of hemstitched goods for presents.

Blankets, Robes, Comforts, Couch Covers, Portiers, Pillow Tops, Sofa Pillows; too numerous to mention.

We want to close out our Furs and Cloaks for the season.

We invite you all to see them.

We are Agents for A. Reker's Perfumes and Toilet Requisites.
We are Agents for Butterick's Patterns.
We are Agents for the American Lady Corset.
Our goods are all substantial for Presents and the best that the market can afford. Make us a visit and judge for yourself. dec 16 tf

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.,

No. 9 North Front Street.

From now till Christmas, it's only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of merchandizing.

All the great holiday stocks must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of fancy articles are to be sold. We carry nothing over.

Great crowds daily visit the store. Still greater crowds will follow. There's reason for it, and there's reason in it. Every counter and shelf is laden with these reasons.

Make this store the base of your holiday supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

dec 5 tf

TO OUR TRADE.

We thank each and every one for their liberal Patronage during this year, 1903, and we earnestly solicit a larger share of your trade during 1904.

Our facilities are unequalled, and our capital ample to serve you, large or small.

Wishing each and every one a merry Xmas and a very prosperous nineteen hundred and four. Yours, truly,

D. L. GORE CO.,

Wholesale Grocers and Importers,

118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 North Water St., Wilmington, N. C.

dec 25 tf

Did You Do Your Duty?

If not, I have something with which to beautify your home, and so gladden the hearts of your loved ones, and you can term it a "NEW YEAR'S" gift. Clothes to wear, dishes to eat off of, etc., are NECESSITIES, but a handsome piece of Furniture is a joy and beauty forever and nothing will please a woman so much.

Fifty ladies to one man is the actual count of my Xmas customers.

N. F. Parker, 206 North Front Street.

CASH | Your House Furnished from top to bottom | CREDIT.

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BUSINESS LOCALS.

NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 50 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Wanted at Virginia House—Steady, sober gentlemen boarders. No others need ap. ply. 115 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. dec 29 1m*

Wanted—Position in Hardware or Grocery Store, or Bar-room. Address M., care STAR. dec 29 1t*

Vann's Cigar Store—Cigars by the box at wholesale prices, packed 12 and 25 in box, especially for the holidays. Nice line of pipes, cigar cases, holders, jars, etc. Lot of new brands just received. See them before buying. dec 23 tf

Wanted—6x8-8 standard pine ties, also cypress ties, two sides hewn. For particulars write B. F. Keith Co. tu th sa dec 22 6t

Wood for sale, car load lots. All kinds of wood. For further information apply to H. C. Applewhite, Cronly, N. C. dec 19 10t

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 20 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Pharre & Co. to Mary J. Pharre, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 12 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Sellar, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 13 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 218 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR. je 21 tf

Pecan Nuts.

Home grown thin shell Nuts 15c per pound.
Fox River Butter, 5 pound Pails, 30 cents.
Fox River Butter 30 pound Pails.
Heart's best Butter.
Heart's little favorite Cheese.
Cracked Corn.
Virginia Water Ground Meal.
Pearl Grits.
Hoop Iron.
Spirit Barrels.
300 Kegs Mullets.

STONE & COMPANY,

dec 15 tf 5 and 7 South Water Street.

NOTICE!

All persons are hereby warned against gathering, collecting or bartering in the bottles of the undersigned companies. The companies will not pay for collecting their own bottles and will not purchase bottles from any person or persons. Any person dealing in or selling any of the bottles belonging to the undersigned will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

ROBERT PORTNER BREWING CO.
HOME BREWING CO.
GOTTLIEB BAUERNSCHMIDT STRAUS BREWING CO.
dec 24 1w

THIS WEEK WE OFFER

ALL SEASONABLE GOODS:

Oranges per 100.....$1.75
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Citrons, Raisins of all kinds, Nuts, Spices of all kinds.

If you will call upon us we will give you bargains.

Eggs still at 35c per dozen.

WILMINGTON GROCERY CO.,

JNO. L. BOATWRIGHT, Manager.
Bell 'Phone 14. Inter-state 68.
dec 20 tf

Admin'strator's Notice.

Having qualified as Administrator of A. V. Horrell, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to him to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom he was indebted to file their properly verified claims with me by or before the first day of December, 1904, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.

This 23rd day of November, 1903.

E. J. W. ANDREW, Administrator,
of A. V. Horrell, deceased.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. tu no 24 6t

We Try to Make All Hearts Happy on CHRISTMAS DAY.

First comes the little ones who wish Old Santa to bring them a bag of toys. Old Santa Claus has given us a great assortment of Toys to keep for him and we have them nicely displayed in our store where you can easily make your selection of whatever you may want. Little folks are cordially invited to come down and leave their order for Santa with us and we will have them filled to the best of our ability. Our assortment of Dolls is by far larger and better than we have ever shown before. We have a handsome line of hand-made Dolls that are beauties. Ladies who wish Dolls that are up-to-date, with real hair, can get them from us from $1 to $6 each.

In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $3 up $15. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—padding, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend sorely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good strictly all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good suits even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $3.98, $3.50 and $4.25. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.50. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strictly all wool, for boys from 7 to 16 years old, for $2.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

Gents' Fancy Vests.

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3.50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $2.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents' ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1.25 hat for 75c; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1.25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll. No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No. 22 we sell at 10c a yard; Nos. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 80 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1.25 and our fine velvet hats that are $3.25 values are $1.50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and why? Because we sell them right. We punch cards with every cash purchase except for toys and give presents free. Get your card punched before Christmas so we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a cane-seated rocking chair or a set of fine china, gold band, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These presents we give with a twenty-five dollar card. If you have no card, ask for one. Our presents are in thousands of homes in Wilmington and surrounding country and we would like to add you to the list at The Big Racket Store, 206 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

Geo. O. Gaylord,

dec 15 tf PROPRIETOR.
208 and 210 North Front Street.

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YOU CAN FIND THE HANDSOMEST AND LARGEST LINE OF

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such as Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Neckwear, Fancy Pajamas, Night Shirts, Percale Shirts, Madras Shirts, Umbrellas, Dress Suit Cases, Gentlemen's Travelling Bags, Full Dress Suits, Tuxedo Suits, Overcoats.

Sole Agent for the Celebrated Adler Gloves, every pair guaranteed.

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Our line of Suits and Overcoats consists of the Strouse Bros. High Art Clothing, and B. Kuppenheimer & Co.'s guaranteed Clothing. For style, fit and finish they are unsurpassed.

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Acording to the prevailing impression, and we have prepared to meet all such requirements of Men in things to wear. They are here in profusion, thousands of useful and good looking articles.

NECKTIES,

what man ever had enough, hosts of them, 35 and 50 cents up.

Handkerchiefs, 12 1-2c Up.

Gloves, 50c up, Mufflers, Collars, Cuffs, Shirts, Rain Coats, Scarf Pins, Sleeve Buttons, Umbrellas, Etc.

THE A. DAVID CO.

dec 20 tf

Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome but useful Xmas Presents.

We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and Canes.

M. H. Curran.

Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel.
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